(c) if so, the steps Government plan to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) According to a FAO publication people who do not have enough to eat are termed as "undernourished". As per FAO, around 790 million people in developing world and 34 million in developed world are undernourished. Regarding India, the number of undernourished people has been estimated at 204.4 million by FAO. However, as per the Ninth Plan document of Planning Commission, percentage of persons without two square meals a day for some months of the year is often termed as the "hunger ratio". As per our Ninth Plan document, about 19 percent of the rural population and 7 percent of the urban population remained hungry in 1983 and, as per the latest available information, these have come down to about 5 percent in rural areas and 2 percent in urban areas in 1993-94.

(b) There are no regular and comparable data available on maternal mortality ratio in India. The Sample registration Survey 1997 estimated the maternal mortality ratio at 408 per one lakh live birth. This is one of the highest in the world.

(c) The Department of Family Welfare is currently implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme which aims at reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity in India. Through this programme, it endeavours to provide essential and emergency obstretic care, promote institutional deliveries, promote safe domiciliary deliveries through trained and traditional birth attendants, providing referral transportation for pregnant women, improving access to safe abortion services and introduce treatment for reproductive track infection, sexually transmitted infection and prophelaxis against nutritional anaemia.

Import/Export of Sugar

3667. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugar imported during the last five years; and

(b) the total quantity of sugar exported during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per Directorate General of Commercial

Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta the import and export of Sugar during the last five financial years are as under:—

Quantity (in tons)

S.No.	Financial Year	Imports	Exports
1.	1994-95	17,65,440	39,350
2.	1995-96	1,50,632	4,34,320
3.	1996-97	2131	6,67,274
4.	1997-98	3,46,905	1,73,282
5.	1998-99(P)	8,57,691 (P)	11,290 (P)

(P): Provisional

SOURCE: DGCIS-CALCUTTA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

Foodgrains off-take

3668. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of PDS foodgrains off-take in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, with separate break-up for APL and BPL categories;

(b) the corresponding buffer-stock;

(c) the price in each category available to PDS consumers, State-wise;

(d) the commercial cost of unit foodgrains price for retail PDS consumers, showing break-up of procurement, carrying and storage costs;

(e) the projected off-take in PDS State-wise taking into account increased retail price and higher quota allocation for BPL for 2000-2001;

(f) the projected buffer-stock for 2000-2001; and

(g) the projected increase in expenditure for carrying and storage of the increase in buffer-stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The year-wise, State-wise offtake of food grains in PDS for APL and BPL categories in the last 3 years are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90]